New Virginia Shrine Open

Lorton, Va., April 16.- Bequest Rights which set forth the rights and a sense of the personality of of free speech, a free press, free the owner are essential at a the both of worship and freedom of Mount Vernon Estate and assembly and was of remembers Jm- Gunston Hall, Virginia's latest portabore in the writing of the Bill shrine to be opened to the public of Rights, the first ten amendments of the State Department of Conserva- of the Constitution of the United tion points out. States.

Gunston Hall in Fairfax County, Built on a high bluff overlooking 17 miles south of Alexandria, is a and commanding a sweeping view few miles off the Richey Highway of the river, Gunston Hall is a and U. S. Route 1. It is Colonial story and a half house with in Georgian it period and was the carved mantles and trim which distinguish it. The Chinese Chippen- home of George Mason. dale motif found in the only one of

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The boxwood gardens of Gunston Hall are justly famous and are being restored under the direction of the Garden Club of Virginia. A marble-floored center hall, England but almost two hundred years old and a lower one at the foot of the hill leading to the river, are the flowers used in Virginia gardens of the 18th century. Beds of grass triangles, harmony, attention, periwinkle, and aster rows and crepe myrtle, bordered by dwarf box or lemon thrive under the spring and summer. Flowering fruit trees and shrubs add to the beauty of the outside gardens.

Strictly speaking, Donald Duck should be Donald Drake - the male of the species.

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Calendar of Spring Events

Richmond, April 16.- The more than 100 special events highlighting the spring season in Virginia are listed in the calendar, "Springtime in Virginia" now available at the office of the Virginia Travel Council, Richmond.

Outstanding among these are historic garden Week, April 26- May 3, with its more than 250 homes and gardens open to the public, the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival celebrating the blossoming of the 6,000,000 apple trees of the Valley of Virginia, and the Bicentennial celebrations at Williamsburg.

Historic events naturally play their part. The birthdays of two Virginia-born presidents, Jefferson and Monroe will be observed at Charlottesville and Fredericksburg. The annual pilgrimage to Cape Henry and Jamestown in honor of the landing of the English settlers takes place this year on April 27 and May 17.

Throughout the state flowers rally round the show beginning in the millions of daffodils in Tidewater Virginia. The state has numerous shows during the spring program, according to J. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission.

Quinn stated that the wardens will be given one week of intensive training and instructions in technique for which they are responsible in their everyday work. Included in the program will be public relations, law enforcement practice, first-aid, pistol instruction and other phases of the game warden's job.

HATCHERY WORK SLOWED

Due to inclement weather during the past winter and early spring, progress on the construction at the Game and Inland Fisheries Commission's new smallmouth bass hatchery located in Smyth County, has been disappointingly slow. The Commission is hopeful that the hatchery will be completed sometime in the fall. A few of the ponds which have been completed will be utilized this spring and summer for propagation of smallmouth bass, rock bass and long-eared sunfish.

Longest non-scientific word in the English language is Proantidisestablishmentarianism.

TO PUBLISH FISHING, HUNTING REGULATIONS

The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries is compiling for publication all laws relating to hunting, fishing, trapping, Commission regulations, and exceptions thereto, for distribution to the courts of the Commonwealth, according to J. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission.

By act of the recent General Assembly, which required that all laws relating to hunting, fishing, trapping and Commission regulations and exceptions thereto, of both general and local application shall be published once a year in a pamphlet or handbook, Courts of the Commonwealth shall take due judicial notice of all laws and regulations contained in such publication.

The compilation of these laws has been started in the hope of having them in the hands of the courts of the Commonwealth to be operating at the next hunting season.

GAME WARDEN SCHOOL SCHEDULED AT VPI

The Game Commission will again take its wardens to the campus of Blacksburg, Va. during the week of August 17, for an intensive training program, according to J. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission.

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Garden Week Attractio

King William, Va.,April 16.- Historic Garden Week attractions, April 26—May 3, include "Chelsea" and "Windsor Shades" in King William County. Added to these are events connected with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of King William County in 1702. The celebration will open Thursday, April 24, and continue through Sunday, April 27 when at 3:00 P. M. a bronze tablet in memory of Henry Fox, first presiding justice of King William County, will be unveiled in the court house, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

"Chelsea" and "Windsor Shades" will be open Friday and Saturday May 2 and 3.

"Chelsea" was built in 1709 and one of the pricipal features of interest in this house is its exquisite panelling. It was at "Chelsea" that Governor Alexander Spotswood and John Fontaine organized the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe for the purpose of discovering a passage over the mountains.

"Windsor Shades" is a medium sized "river house" believed to have been "Ruffin's Tavern" of which George Washington wrote. It was built about 1740.

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time it's wheat mosaic—a which causes yellow streaked and in some cases, definite ke patterns.

Fenne and C. W. Roane, athologists at VPI, report y identified the disease in thead fields in Buckingham, and Richmond counties. The ties 66 appeared to be most affected by mosaic, although also was found in Vahart ers. In some fields, wheat owed 1 stands of a few ods, but usually several re affected.

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Jesus and the Law

Lesson for April 20, 1952

THE ELKS' CLUB has a constitution and by-laws, but if you are not an Elk you can pass by the clubhouse a dozen times a week and never so much as wonder what the by-laws are. No Elk will think the worse of you for it, either. The laws of the Elks are for Elks, not the general public.

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MANAGE PASTURES FOR 'RECONSTRUCTION'

Manage pastures carefully this spring for maximum grazing.

G. R. Epperson, associate agronomist at VPI, says good management practices this year will be essential if ladino clover-grass stands, drought-stricken last summer and fall, are to be reconstructed.

Lack of moisture and close grazing have resulted in weakened pasture plants. Many stands have been further injured by winter killing.

On pastures with three or more good ladino plants per square yard, grass grasses close, and don't let the grasses reach a height of more than five inches. Practice rotational grazing.

If grasses are thinning out, let pasture grow tall (up to 12 or 15 inches) before grazing, then remove livestock when grazed to about four inches. If not needed for pasture, stands in which grasses are thin may be allowed to reach the proper stage and cut for silage or hay. This will help depress clover and increase grass.

Epperson also warns about grazing too close. Early spring is a critical period for both grass and clover.

SPRAY TO CONTROL CHERRY LEAF SPOT

Copper or fersbam sprays will control cherry leaf spot—a disease which causes tiny specks on the leaves, and which causes the leaves to turn yellow and fall off.

J. M. Amos, plant pathologist at VPI, says repeated early loss of cherry foliage in the late summer may weaken cherry trees so they won't bear, or may eventually kill them.

Two or three sprays applied before the cherries begin to turn red, and another after the fruit is harvested, are recommended.

Details on spraying cherries are available from county agents, or from Agricultural Extension Service at VPI, Blacksburg.

CULL—IS ADVICE TO POULTRYMEN

Cull the loafers out of your laying flock. That's the advice from Lee W. Herrick, associate poultry husbandman at VPI, who says that with feed prices high and egg prices at a low level, it is more important than ever to cull.

A "loafer" is easily spotted after a little experience. The bird's comb dries, shrinks, becomes pale, and scaly. There is a noticeable change, from gentle to nervous, in her disposition. A non-layer is harder to catch than a layer, and she spends more time on the roost away from the other birds. This difference is more noticeable in Leghorns and lighter breeds than in heavier breeds. The bird usually begins to molt about the time she stops laying eggs, but this may not be noticeable at first.

The vent on the non-layer becomes smaller, rounder, dry, and puckered. The pubic bone becomes closer, less pliable, thicker, and the distance between the pubic bones and the end of the keel becomes smaller. The skin on the abdomen becomes thick and coarse, and the abdomen has a stiffer feeling than that of a layer.

SEEDBED PREPARATION IMPORTANT FOR CORN

A poorly prepared seedbed is the forerunner to a poor stand and poor crop of corn, warns W. W. Lewis, agronomist at VPI.

He says a seedbed that is free of clods, compact underneath and loose on top is important in good production.

Plow sodland or heavy clay soils in early spring before the end of freezing weather. Freezing and thawing will help pulverize the clods. A thorough disking and harrowing just before planting will help control weeds and crab grass. If it rains after disking, but before planting, disk or harrow again before planting.

FUMIGATION WILL CONTROL ROOTKNOT

Fumigation to control rootknot, which caused more damage to tobacco in Virginia last year than in any ten preceding years, is advised by R. B. Hudgins, county agent.

The agent explains that the heavy damage was caused largely because many farmers grow tobacco after tobacco in the same soil year after year. A rotation is a help in controlling rootknot and other soil-borne diseases.

However, fumigation, a relative new method, also is effective. There are two ways to apply the liquid fumigant. One is by applying it in the row after the rows have been laid off, and about two weeks before setting tobacco. It is necessary to give the fumigant enough time to evaporate from the soil before tobacco plants are set. Otherwise there is danger of severe injury to the plants.

An inexpensive atachment is on the market, which can be attached to the fertilizer distributor, and which applies the fumigant at the same time the fertilizer is applied. The fumigant also can be broadcast. A special machine must be used which will place the fumigant in bands about eight inches deep and 12 inches apart. Usually it is advisable to hire a commercial operator to apply the fumigant by the broadcast temhod because the equipment will cost too much to be practical except on large farms.

Mr. Hudgins can tell you where to buy the fumigant and row applicator. He also has information on where commercial equipment might be rented.

The cost of the row application is about $15 to $20 per acre, and should be done each year. The cost of the broadcast application is about $40 per acre.

Fumigation demonstrations were conducted in Pittsylvania, Halifax, Mecklenburg and Brunswick counties last year. One Mecklenburg farmer reported that the broadcast application of the fumigant increased his yield by about 346 pounds per acre, his value by $245, over the untreated acre.

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